

HEROES

CHAPTER 148

AMANDA'S JOURNEY

PART 1

The Carnival is a haven for people with abilities. But within this dangerous world, even the arcane individuals struggle with family affairs. Such a struggle just transpired for Lydia, during a phone call with her estranged daughter, Amanda.

Amanda can make objects burst into flame. But Lydia insisted Amanda stay away from the Carnival, fearing it wasn't safe. What Lydia didn't expect though, is this phone call will ignite a journey for Amanda...

YOU KNOW THOSE DAYS WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS, AND AFTERWARDS NOTHING IS EVER THE SAME?

THAT'S THE KIND OF DAY I JUST HAD.

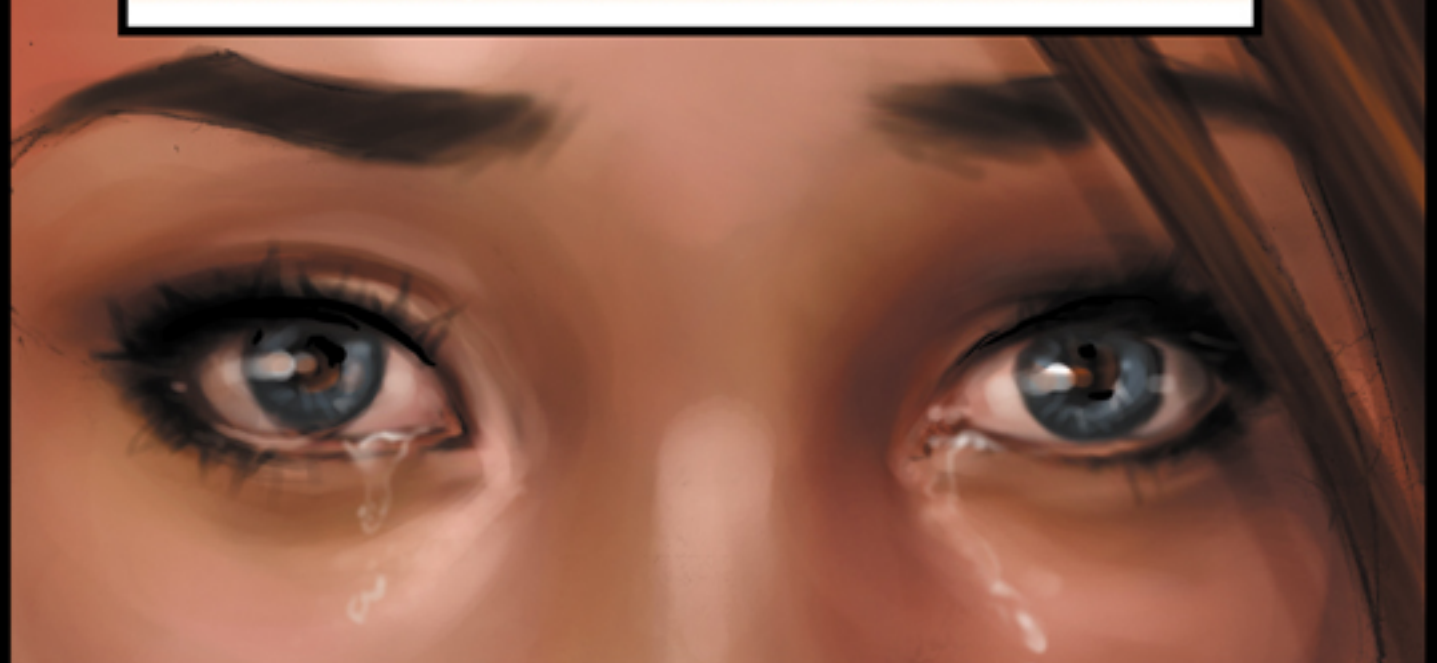


IT STARTED WITH A CALL TO MY MOM. I NEEDED TO SEE HER, BUT SHE TOLD ME TO STAY AWAY. SHE SAID IT WASN'T SAFE.



SO INSTEAD ALL SHE GAVE ME WAS A PICTURE ON MY PHONE.

I NEVER FELT MORE ALONE.



I MEAN, IF YOU CAN'T COUNT ON YOUR MOM FOR SUPPORT, HOW CAN YOU TRUST IN ANYONE?

I WAS SO UPSET AND ANGRY.

ONE OF MY FIRES STARTED AGAIN.



AND EVERYTHING JUST GOT OUT OF CONTROL.



BUT THE FIRE WASN'T THE
MOMENT THAT CHANGED MY LIFE.



AUNT CAROL?
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?!

THE MOMENT THAT
WOULD CHANGE
EVERYTHING FOR ME...



IS SHE
GOING TO BE
OKAY?

WILL
SOMEONE
PLEASE TALK
TO ME?!



...WAS MEETING HIM.

EVERYTHING
WILL BE FINE.
I PROMISE.

AND
WHO ARE
YOU?

PETER
PETRELLI.

I JUST DIDN'T
KNOW IT YET.

THE DOCTOR SAID SHE'D BE OKAY. BUT...



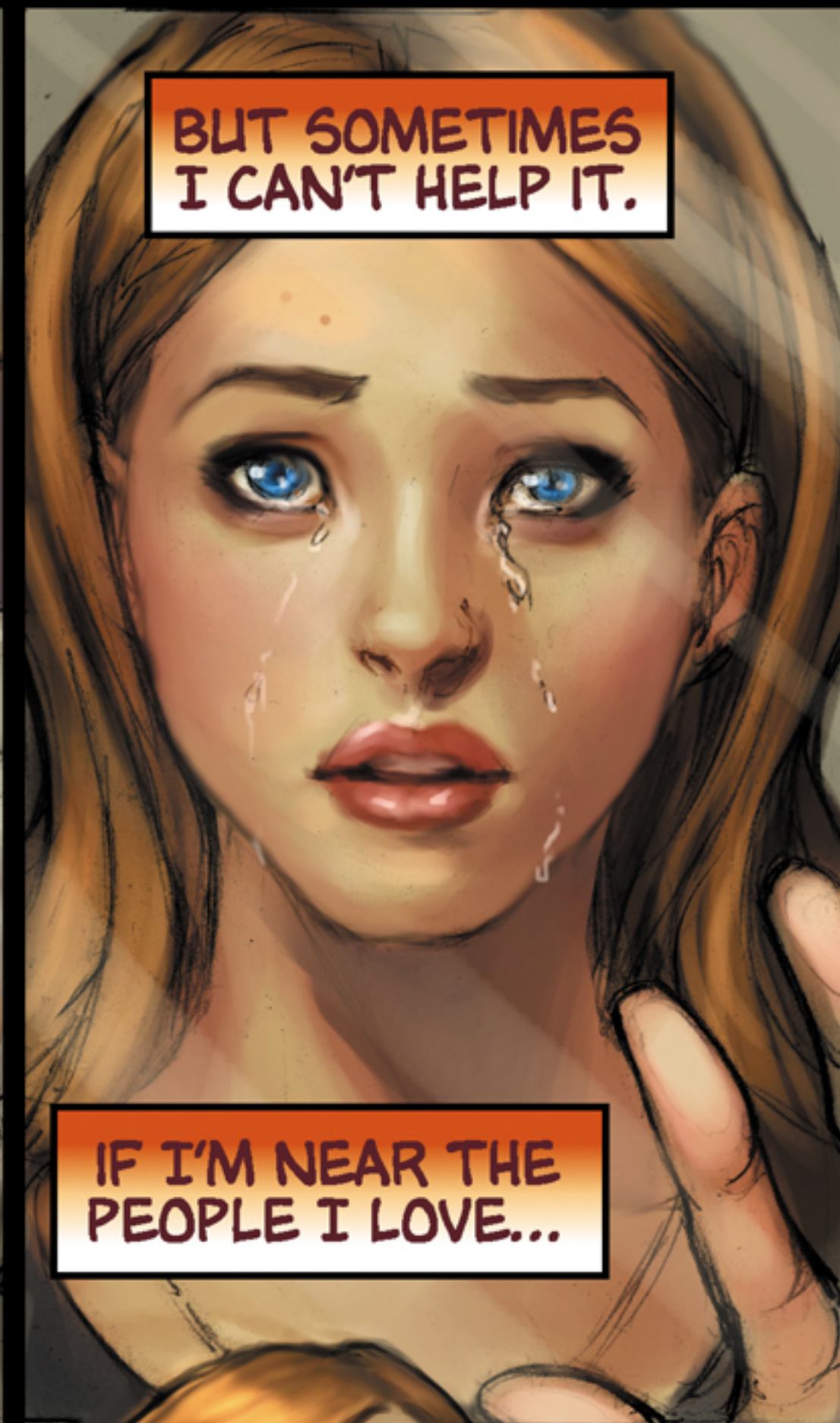
YOUR AUNT IS LUCKY, AMANDA. SHE ONLY SUFFERED MINOR BURNS.

MY FAMILY WAS THE LAST THING I WANTED TO HURT.

I DON'T WANT TO PUT ANYONE AT RISK.



BUT SOMETIMES I CAN'T HELP IT.



IF I'M NEAR THE PEOPLE I LOVE...

...I'M AFRAID I'LL HURT THEM ALL OVER AGAIN.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I HAD TO GET AWAY BEFORE I CAUSED ANOTHER DISASTER.

I NEEDED TO STAY AWAY FROM EVERYONE I CARED ABOUT.

I JUST... I NEED SOME AIR!



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OH, NO.

BUT THEN I SAW PETER AGAIN.



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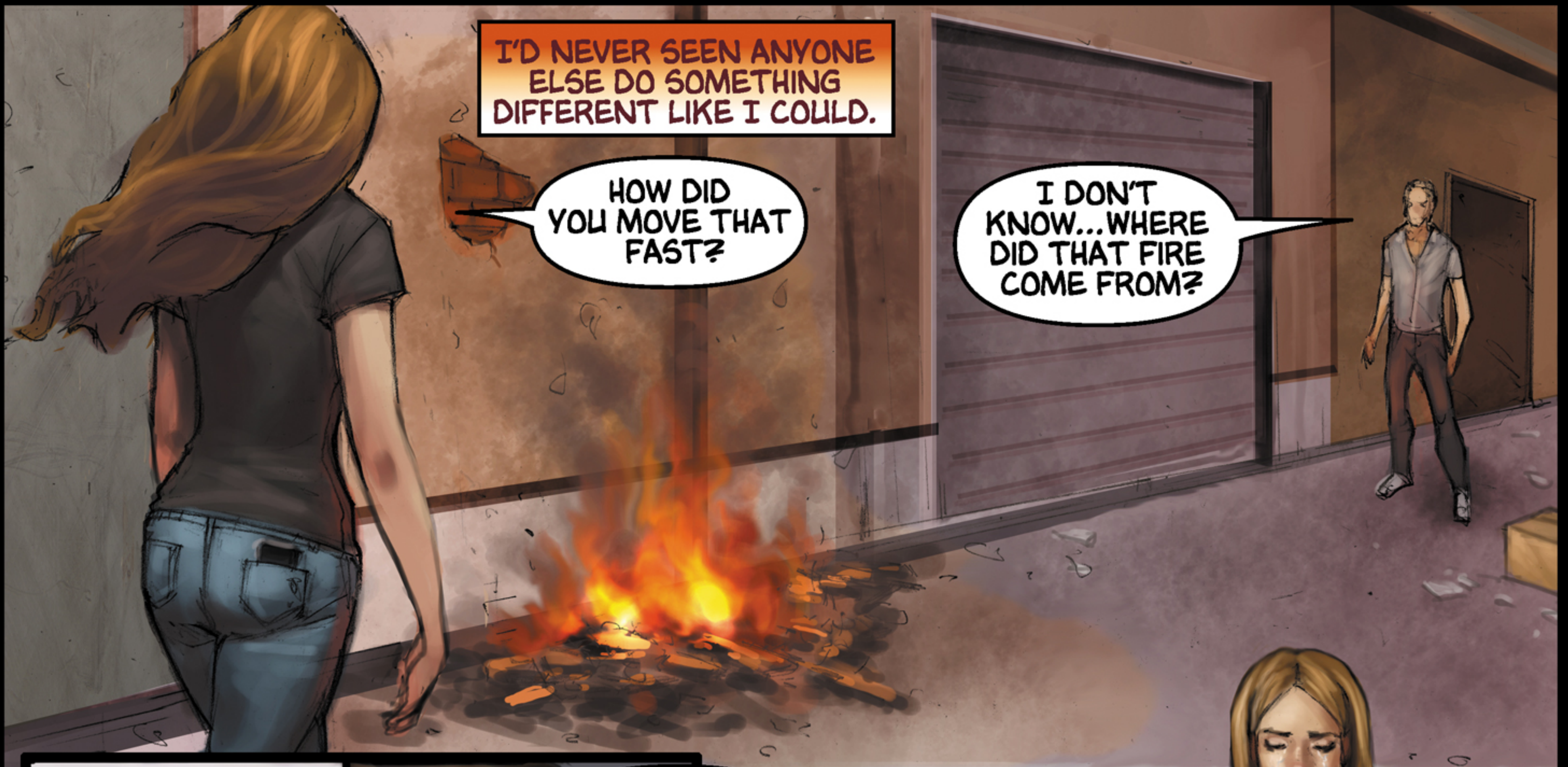
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AND THAT'S WHEN
IT HAPPENED.



I'D NEVER SEEN ANYONE ELSE DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT LIKE I COULD.

HOW DID YOU MOVE THAT FAST?

I DON'T KNOW... WHERE DID THAT FIRE COME FROM?



BUT I SURE WASN'T CONFESSING ANYTHING IF HE WASN'T.

I DON'T KNOW...



FAIR ENOUGH.

THEN DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHY YOU WERE RUNNING AWAY?

OF COURSE HE HAD TO GO AND ASK THAT QUESTION.

BECAUSE THINGS KEEP GETTING OUT OF CONTROL AROUND ME.

I FEEL LIKE I'M ONLY GOING TO HURT MY FAMILY.

IT'S BETTER IF I JUST LEAVE.

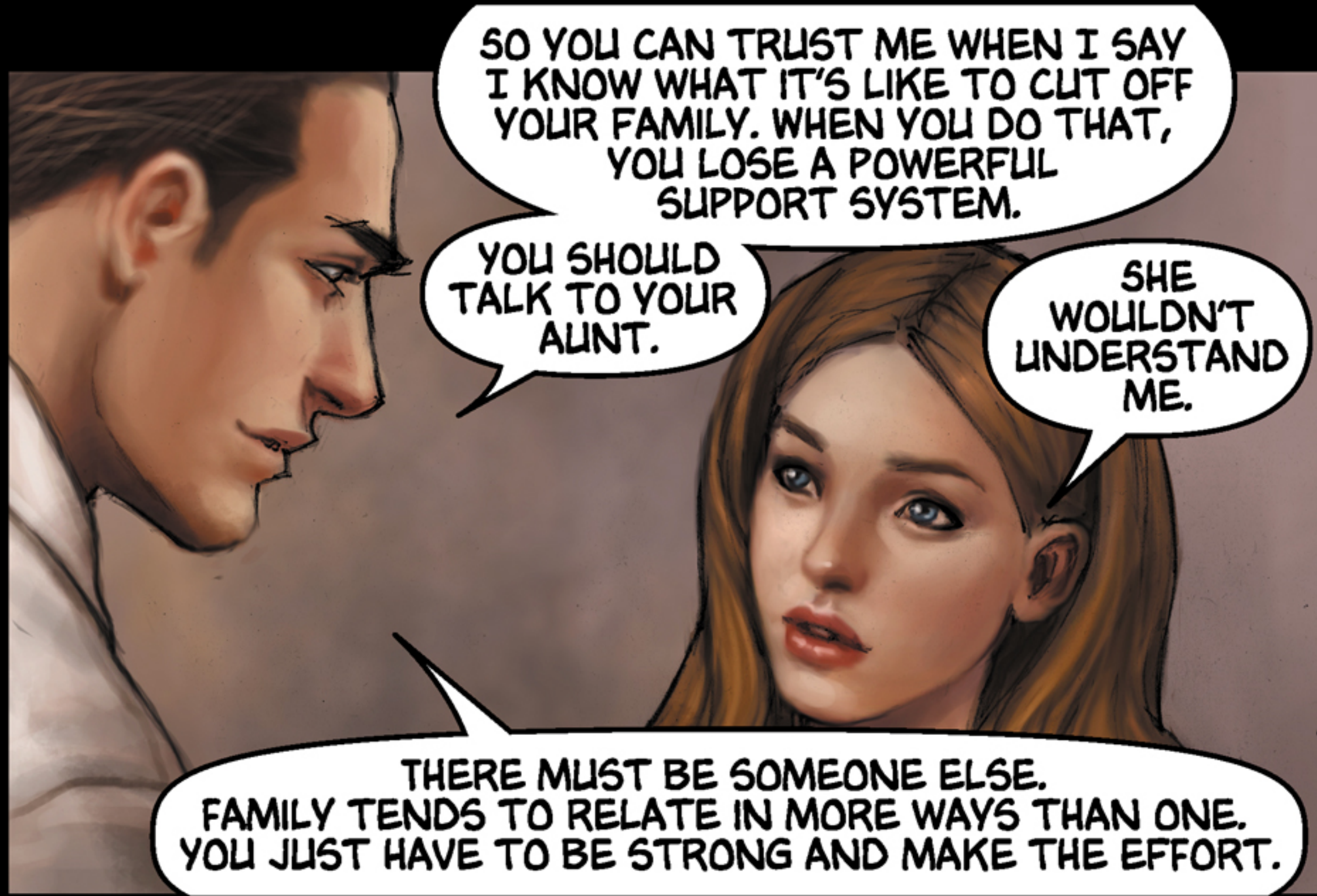


HOLY...



I THINK WE BOTH KNOW WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.

YEAH... YOU COULD SAY THAT.



SO YOU CAN TRUST ME WHEN I SAY I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO CUT OFF YOUR FAMILY. WHEN YOU DO THAT, YOU LOSE A POWERFUL SUPPORT SYSTEM.

YOU SHOULD TALK TO YOUR AUNT.

SHE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND ME.

THERE MUST BE SOMEONE ELSE. FAMILY TENDS TO RELATE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE STRONG AND MAKE THE EFFORT.



ALL OF A SUDDEN I DIDN'T FEEL ALONE ANYMORE.

I FELT LIKE HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. I FELT LIKE I COULD TRUST HIM.



AND IF HE'S RIGHT...

MAYBE I SHOULD TRUST IN MY MOM, TOO.



I JUST NEED TO BE STRONG AND MAKE THE EFFORT. I'LL GO TO HER.

TO BE CONTINUED...